

OIL AND GAS

Adair, Cumberland, Russell
Counties, Kentucky.

BY E. T. KEMPER.

Mr. E. J. Schabelitz, with headquarters at Burkesville, who is one of the liveliest operators in the Cumberland river section, was here a few days since, returning from Lexington and Pittsburg, where he had been on a short business trip. Mr. Schabelitz is always on the "go," and he is very optimistic regarding the outlook for Cumberland county proving to be a great oil section.

If the Irvine, Ky., parties who are drilling on the Walter Armstrong farm, Creelsboro, fail to make a "strike" it will not be in keeping with the general rule applying to such locations. They are about as close to a school-house as it is safe to drill, and it nearly always follows that such locations are productive of good wells.

Operators and others interested in the oil business from different sections of Ohio, particularly Cincinnati and Cleveland, are showing a great deal of interest at present in the securing of acreage in this territory. Some are already drilling and others are making preparations to begin operations at an early date.

The last two wells completed in the Creelsboro field, Day Oil Company No. 2 on the Granville Williams farm, and Riddle & Company No. 1 on the farm of Hadley heirs, have been flowing for several days past, and they both give promise of being fine producers. These wells are located on adjoining farms and within a short distance of each other.

Among the prominent oil men registered here within the past few days are:

Mr. Chas. J. Pogue, Birmingham, Ala., Vice President and manager Old English-American Oil Company now operating in the Creelsboro field.

Mr. C. L. Bell, Lexington, Ky., president and manager of the Day Oil Company, drilling at Creelsboro.

Mr. L. W. Dale, Blackwell, Oklahoma, drilling in Bakerton-Brush Creek field.

Mr. Jo Davidson, St. Mary's Ohio, field manager for the J. E. Carnahan Oil Company, Creelsboro.

Messrs. W. S. and Ed Raydure, Bowling Green, Ohio, prominently identified with some of the big operations of the State.

Mr. D. T. Reasonover, Covington, Ky., manager of the Alpha Drilling Company, drilling for the Day Oil Company at Creelsboro.

Mr. John C. Miller, Lexington, Ky., representing the Pure Oil Company.

A visit to the Creelsboro field at present will convince anyone that it is fast becoming a real oil field. With a number of rigs pounding away, pumps running and a refinery in operation, it gives the visitor the impression that "something is going on" there. The following operations are in full swing in the field:

Wood Oil Company, farm of Cummings Brothers; Day Oil Company, farm of Granville Williams; Dr. E. E. Edwards and associates, Irvine, Ky., farm of Walter Armstrong; Riddle & Company, Ohio, farm of Hadley heirs; Reed Oil Company, farm of Campbell Brothers; Old English-American Oil Company Birmingham, Ala., farm of J. S. Williams; Wood Oil Company, farm of John Oliver; Kentucky Coal & Mining Company, Beaver, Pa., farm of Hiram Irvine. Also, a rig of the former Bagdad Oil Corporation, now on the Hiram Campbell farm, to be taken over by other parties and moved to another location soon.

Another fine well was drilled in Friday morning on the farm of Charlie and John Campbell, Creelsboro, by Mr. O. C. Fink, drilling for a Columbia Syndicate managed by Mr. Robert Reed, and composed of a number of the most prominent citizens of the town and vicinity. "Pay" was struck at a depth of 355 feet, and an unusually fine grade of oil is flowing from the well. No estimate can be placed upon its capacity, but that it will prove a great producer. The new well is located three-quarters of a mile south of the famous old Gabbert well, drilled in the sixties, and one-half mile from the three fine wells recently brought it on the Williams and Hadley farms. Location has been made on the same farm for well No. 2, which will be drilled without delay.

Mr. W. S. Raydure, Bowling Green, Ohio, one of the large operators of the country, who was here during the past week on a tour of inspection of this territory, had the misfortune to get his left shoulder dislocated by a fall at Burkesville. The accident caused him to return home much sooner than he had expected, but before leaving he expressed himself regarding this territory to the effect that he noted some of the finest structure in the country around Columbia, and that it ought to be productive oil territory.

Mr. Henry L. Doherty, president of the Cities Service Company, New York, one of the largest oil producing companies in the world, in an open letter during the past week makes the statement that despite the present depressed and demoralized condition of the oil industry, which he believes is but a passing phase in the history of this great industry, that it will be succeeded by an era in which the great oil producing corporations of the United States will see the greatest prosperity in their history.

The present unusually low prices prevailing on the different grades of crude oil are attributed by some to be caused entirely by what is termed overproduction, or, to be more explicit, the demand is not in keeping with production. On the face of it this is a plausible excuse, but whenever the business readjust-

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ment now in progress all over the country is completed, and the wheels of industry begin to turn in a normal way, the present stocks of oil will diminish very rapidly, and production will not be adequate to supply the demand. This cannot help but result in one thing, and that is there will surely be a rapid upward tendency in the prices of crude. Under normal conditions the United States has not been producing enough oil to supply domestic needs, to say nothing of an ever increasing foreign demand, and we have been forced to look elsewhere, particularly to Mexico, for relief, but recent reports from the latter country regarding the oil situation there state that the supply is rapidly being depleted by the great wells of that section either going dry or else are being ruined by salt water. The statement comes from reliable authority that in the forty square mile producing area of Mexico, sixty-three, or two-thirds, of the one hundred and four wells have ceased to produce, and salt water is rapidly filling those now in operation. It is also stated that not a new oil structure has been discovered in Mexico since 1916, and the proven territory is in fact going into salt water. Another important factor in the Mexican situation is that British owned companies, the largest producers and sellers, control some of the best developed territory, and they are responding to the Mexican political demands to the detriment of Americans. Such conditions can not fail to be helpful to the oil business in the United States, and better prices will surely prevail in this country, and at no distant date.

PERSONAL

Mr. W. R. Myers and wife; Mr. Herman Barnett, wife and little daughter, Nancy, returned Saturday night from a visit to Glasgow. Glasgow was the town where Mr. Myers was born and reared and where he met many of his old friends. On their return they stopped a few days at Sonora where they visited Mr. Myers' sister, Mrs. J. W. Pritchard. Mr. Myers reports the crops all along the roads fully up to the average and the wheat about all cut.

Dr. J. N. Page and Mrs. Page arrived from Monticello last Wednesday evening. They are here to remain until fall, and will do light housekeeping in the home of Miss Ellen Burton, on Pea Ridge. There is not a more familiar figure in all Columbia than Dr. Page, nor a man who has more friends, and it goes without saying that he and his wife were given a cordial greeting.

Mr. Wm. Conover, of Chillicothe, Texas, is spending the summer with relatives in Columbia and out in the country. Mr. Conover has been prospering in Texas for quite a number of years. He is a brother of the late John N. Conover. He is also a brother of Mr. Robert Conover, Mrs. J. P. Dohoney and Miss Sallie Conover.

Prof. E. A. Strange, John Kelsey, Melvin Blair, Charles Kelsey and Ed Lee Grider left here last Thursday. The former went to Crab Orchard, to sign an agreement to teach at that place, the other four went to Camp Knox, seeking work.

Mr. Arthur Todd who has been visiting his mother for a week, has

returned to his home in Ashland going to Cincinnati to spend a few days with his sister, Mrs. Earl Custer. His sister, Miss Georgia, accompanied him there to attend the Camp meeting.

Rev. M. M. Murrell, wife, and little daughter, Calhoun, Ky., are visiting in the county. Mrs. Murrell was with her parents, on Casey Creek, last week, and Rev. Murrell was here a few days. They will probably be in the county two weeks.

Mrs. Jo Rosenfield is spending a week or two with her son, Jo Morris Rosenfield and wife and little granddaughter, Petersburg, Va. From there she will come to Columbia for the remainder of the summer.

Judge J. C. Carter and Mr. A. A. Huddleston were in Columbia last Tuesday, en route to their respective homes from Liberty court. Neither of the gentlemen had any fears of the result of the coming primary.

Mr. Ben Swigget and wife and Mr. Pierce Bryant, who have been in Komoko, Ind., for sixteen months, returned to the Green river section, this county, last week. Mrs. Swigget is in very poor health.

Mr. Cortez Sanders, wife and little son, William Breeding, Mr. A. W. Tarter, wife and little daughter, Mrs. C. G. Jeffries, Charles and Bradley Tarter went to Frankfort last Tuesday via High Bridge.

Miss Frances Strange left Friday morning for Louisville where she will enter the Conservatory of Music, to remain six weeks. Her father, Mr. J. C. Strange, accompanied her to the city.

Mrs. W. T. McFarland left for Louisville the latter part of last week, her daughter, Miss Alma McFarland, who has been in the Conservatory of Music for nine months, is to finish this week.

Mr. J. F. Montgomery, Mr. L. C. Winfrey, Mr. W. A. Coffey, Mr. Gordon Montgomery, and J. R. Garnett, of the Columbia bar, are attending the Russell circuit court.

Prof. A. P. Prather and wife left Thursday morning to spend the summer at Millersburg. The former will probably take a course of five weeks before returning home.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Edsel B. Ford, President of the Ford Motor Company, gives out the following statement:

"Another reduction has been made in the list price of all types of Ford Cars and the Ford truck to take effect immediately. The list prices f. o. b. Detroit, are now as follows:

Touring Car	\$ 415.00
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Mr. Ralph Garnett, one of Adair county's best young men, who is in business at Sorgho West Virginia, is spending a week with his home people and many friends.

Miss Ruth Miller, who has been in school at Versailles for several months returned home last week. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Miller.

Miss O. M. Reed left for Louisville last Saturday at the noon hour, to consult a specialist. Her nephew, Mr. G. R. Reed and wife, accompanied her.

Mr. Lisle Baker, of Monticello, who is traveling for Center College, spent two days of last week at the home of his grandfather, Judge, H. C. Baker.

Mrs. Owsley Ritchey and little son Burkesville, visited at the home of Mr. John Lee Walker, last week.

Mr. Bruce Taylor, who visited his family here, returned last week to his place of business, Bluefield, Ky.

Miss Alma McFarland, who graduated from the Conservatory of Music, Louisville, returned home, with her mother, Monday night.

Mr. John Sanders, wife and children, of Campbellsville, visited Mrs. Sander's mother, Mrs. W. I. Ingram, a few days of last week.

Mr. J. S. Breeding and his niece, Miss Lucy Pointer, returned from an extended visit to the Blue Grass section a few days ago.

Mr. Ray Flowers was very sick last Friday and it was feared that he was threatened with typhoid fever. Two doctors were called.

Mr. Edward Hamlett, on his return from Frankfort, was accompanied by Mr. H. R. Vanzant, who spent Sunday with him.

Misses Allene Montgomery and Carrie Grissom left a few days ago, on a visit to Mrs. A. L. Meli, Bardstown.

Mr. Harlan Shaw, who is employed at Evansville, Ind., is spending a few days with his family here.

Mr. R. H. Helm, of Marion county, was visiting relatives in this county the first of the week.

Miss Jennie Garnett left, on a visit for Louisville and other points, last Thursday morning.

Mrs. S. P. Miller was critically ill for several hours one day last week. She has recovered.

Miss Thomasine Garnett spent the latter part of last week with Miss Katie Murrell.

Mr. Carson Faulkenburg, Jamestown, was here Friday and witnessed the game.

Mr. Joe Sandusky and wife, of Harrodsburg, visited relatives here last week.

Mr. Byron Montgomery was with his family here a few days of last week.

Mr. A. D. Patteson spent the last of the week with his family here.

Miss Leona Bryant, of Sellersburg, Ind., is visiting in Columbia.

Mr. Albia Eubank spent the first of the week in Lebanon.

Miss Katie Murrell visited relatives at Jamestown Monday.

Mr. S. E. Bridgewater returned home Saturday night.

Miss Mary Miller was quite sick a few days last week.

Mr. E. W. Reed spent last week in Russell county.

Dr. W. J. Flowers, wife and children returned Monday from a visit to Hopkinsville.

Mrs. C. S. Harris and daughters, Misses Lizzie, Mary, Margaret, Virginia, and sons, Fred and Hugh, of West Point, Miss., arrived Monday afternoon, to spend a few weeks with relatives and friends. Everybody about Columbia will meet them with a glad heart.